



TRINITY UNITED Church Newsletter

The Life and Work of Trinity United Church, Wallaceburg, Ontario

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Season of Lent

Lent began with Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday. Palms from 2014 were burned giving us ashes for our Lent I Service.

Lent is not all about paczki (those delicious filled doughnuts). While many of us 'give up' sweets or other delights during Lent to assist our focus, Lent is a time of reflection, a time to travel the Lenten road together. A time of meditation. Trinity's Lent Services & Holy Week Services at Knox Presbyterian Church (pg. 4) is a time to reflect and do so together. Services at Trinity ~

Palm Sunday, March 29

Good Friday, April 3, 10:30 am

Easter Sunday, April 5

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Trinity's Spring Dinner

Sunday, May 3, 2015

Mark your calendar ... be sure to attend our Dinner and be delighted by the ever talented team of David & Martha Mann at the piano following a satisfying Dinner.

Trinity's Spring Dinner welcomes you, your family and friends, one and all.

Our meal, an abundant and tasty cold plate, with outstanding desserts (including diabetic selections) and beverages.

Let your friends & neighbours know all about our Dinner and Entertainment which is not be missed. We'd love to see all those smiling (and hungry) folks at our **Spring Dinner.**

Tickets available soon in the Narthex.

Tickets: Adult - \$10

Child (6-12 yrs) - \$ 5 (under 5 yrs free)

Family - \$25

March, 2015

Ministerial Musings!

Dear Trinity Friends,

“Live simply. Don’t carry much more than you need.”

I love that line from the beautiful hymn written by Shirley Erena Murray and Ron Klusmeier which we often use as our closing choral benediction for our Sunday worship. It seems to me to be a challenge and a hope.

When I think of all the years of ‘gathered stuff’ and ‘just-can’t-part-with’ items that clutter our home and crawl space, I wish that I could wave a magic wand that would quickly and easily dispense with all those extra items in a painless manner. Ah, how good it would feel to be de-cluttered without all of the work, decision-making and letting go, not to mention the time!

I have a dear friend who made a major decision to go back to school some years ago. To do so, she cleared house. Literally, she cleared out her house, so that all of her belongings fit into her car (and a small borrowed room) ... and then she cleared her house, too! She sold it. Wow, what courage! She said that she felt lighter.

The newest addition of the *United Church Observer* magazine just arrived at our home today. (A little commercial: this is an excellent magazine filled with great and timely articles. Order a subscription through church office.) There is a great article this month about the tiny home movement. Brave adventurers, tired of the chains of large mortgages and rooms of stuff, are boldly stripping down and moving into these tiny houses. The pictures are very cute and I admire the courage, but I confess that it is a little too drastic for me. However, perhaps there is a path somewhere in-between the extremes.

Lent is a time for simplification, for stripping down to the basics, for truth-telling. I am asking myself this Lent what it might mean, as Klusmeier and Murray ask in their hymn: to live simply. How much do I really need?

What are you thinking about and doing to deepen your spiritual walk this Lent?

May we find surprising blessings on the Lenten road,

Cheryl

Cheryl Kirk



Plans to meet our Staffing Needs

At our Annual Congregational Meeting, February 22, the Profile Group, which has been assessing our staffing needs for the next years, reported on their work. A lot of effort went into preparing the *Congregational Profile* which describes our congregation and our priorities in ministry. Next there were many discussions and analysis to determine the best way to meet staffing needs to accomplish our priorities while living within financial realities. Consultation took place with other groups within the church and beyond.

With the approval of Trinity Council, the Profile Group brought forward a recommendation that staffing needs be met by creating two part-time Congregational Appointments:

1) Children, Youth, Young Families Director (10 hours per week- September to June) who will seek to support and animate this important ministry.

2) Pastoral Care and Community Outreach Director (12 hours per week) who will provide support in our program of pastoral care and in our program of mission and outreach into our community and beyond.

Copies of the report with details of the proposed positions are available in the Gathering Area (narthex). We express our deep thanks to members of the Profile Group who have done such good work on our behalf: Evelyn Mayo, Sue Elliott, Tim Dolbear, Skip Harvey, Julie Forgie, and Sharon Young.

Palm Sunday Brunch is taking a Break



The Choir, with mixed emotions, announces the annual Palm Sunday Brunch will take a break this year. The organizers of the event are taking a much deserved hiatus from cooking breakfast for the past 17+ years. We know you'll be disappointed. We'll review our options and hopefully continue in 2016.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped and supported this event over the years. Extra special thanks to Foster's Meats for their generous donation of meat, Sherry Price for her time and dedication in pre-cooking, and Cathy Wells for being the tireless co-creator and organizer.

Exodus 33:14 "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Thank you Trinity for your support!

Instead the Worship & Sanctuary Committee will host
Coffee Cake & Coffee on Palm Sunday, March 29.

Enjoy a sweet and fellowship.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Wallaceburg & District Ministerial invite you to **Holy Week Services**, March 30 to April 2
12:10-12:30 pm, at **Knox Presbyterian Church**, followed by a light lunch each day.

Speakers: March 30 - Doug Cameron, Knox Presbyterian

March 31 - Mark Aarssen, New St. Andrews

April 1 - Jim Kettle, Grace Congregational

April 2 - Chuck Wilson, Bethel Pentecostal

The Services give us a brief time of daily reflection during Lent. A time to observe our Lenten journey together. Freewill offering accepted during Services and will be directed to local needs. All welcome.

Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers decorate our sanctuary as well as being shared with shut-ins. Remember loved ones with a \$10 donation for Easter flowers. Names of those honoured will be printed in bulletin on Easter Sunday. Any surplus funds will be used toward silk flowers and other worship needs. Indicate **EASTER FLOWERS** on your envelope, enclose **\$10** and the information **no later than March 22** -



Donor Name: _____ Envelope # _____

In Memory of: _____

Do you wish the plant after Easter? Yes OR No (check one please)

Earth Day 2015



Earth Day's 45th anniversary April 22, 2015 - perhaps the most exciting year in environmental history. Go to www.earthday.org to learn more. The year in which economic growth and sustainability join hands. It's your turn to lead.

What will YOU do this Earth Day?

Suggestions - although small are real contributors to overall impact.

~use cloth towels not paper, pack an earth friendly lunch by using containers not plastic wrap, unplug computers when not in use, turn off lights when not in the room, lower your hot water temperature by a couple degrees, use environmentally friendly household cleaners (vinegar/lemon clean just about everything in the home and save money too), compost, plant a vegetable garden and don't forget to share extra produce, recycle clothing and household items to various resale shops AND Trinity's upcoming yard sale (see last pg.)

SO many things one person can do to help our environment.

SHUFFLEBOARD NEWS

The Shuffleboard Group at Trinity continues to flourish and grow with new players who are coming out to see what they've missed. We play every Monday & Thursday morning. This Spring it will be 15 years since we first started playing shuffleboard.

We have Verne Richardson to thank for donation of the courts. Verne & Bette Richardson were faithful members of Trinity United Church, and we are blessed by their generosity.

In December *Trinity Shufflers* donated \$750 to the church for the use of utilities through the year. All this from the \$1 a week 'fun fee'.

We have our 'get together days' where both the Monday and Thursday groups gather for marathon shuffleboard and euchre games followed by a fabulous pot luck lunch.

Feel free to come and join us on any/every Monday and Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 am. Absolutely no experience necessary. The only qualification is being willing to have fun!

POP CANS = \$\$\$ for Trinity's Community Meals

Trinity still collects POP CANS. The money generated goes to finance our Community Meals. The Community Meal happens at Trinity, on the last Friday of the month, and is a FREE meal open to the entire community.

If you have pop cans to be picked up please call Jayne Glover, 519 627 5332 OR you may drop them off in the driveway of 312 Duncan Street. We really appreciate the pop cans ... we are recycling and helping fund Trinity's Community Meals!

NOTE: as of April 1st please drop pop cans off at 66 Napier Street

MARILYN'S MEALS

Marilyn's Meals is a program which offers prepared meals for a couple weeks to someone returning home from hospital or who may have mobility issues. If you have this need please contact the church office. Marilyn's Meals originated with Christian Development Committee member, Marilyn Chatterton, and is continued by Trinity women with the same compassion. Marilyn gave selflessly of herself in this endeavour and we are anxious to carry on this wonderful outreach in Marilyn's memory.

LIBRARY CORNER

Be sure and make use of Trinity's Library, which boasts a wide variety of books, videos and DVD's. Over the summer we have had several current books donated to the library and are available for your enjoyment. Also four new Veggie Tales DVD's have been purchased. Remember ... no late fees (we do encourage borrowers to return items in a timely fashion so others may also borrow items).

Trinity Calendar - mark your calendar

Trinity's YARD SALE

Trinity will be holding a yard sale on **June 13**. We ask you to save your *good used items* for our sale. Small & large items, toys, books, computers, knick knacks, craft items, etc.

Thank you for saving the items until just prior to sale date as Trinity has no extra storage space.

Our thanks! Please come out to the YARD SALE and see what 'treasures' you can find.



The Season of Lent

(Services at 10:30 am unless otherwise indicated)

March 15 - Lent IV

March 22 - Lent V (Easter flower deadline)

March 27 - Community Meal, 5:30 pm

March 29 Palm Sunday Intergenerational Service. Coffee & Coffee Cake after Service

April 3 Good Friday Service, 10:30 am

April 5 - Easter Sunday, Communion

April 7 - Kent Presbytery meets at Trinity. You may attend Presbytery at 7:30 pm

April 26 - Chatham Concert Band at Service

May 24 - Pentecost Sunday - Communion

Community Meal

For anyone who has not yet experienced a Community Meal at Trinity, you have missed a great opportunity to reach out to others in the community & congregation. A FREE full course meal (and sometimes a movie).

A gathering of many individuals, families, grandparents, singles & couples, all coming together for a wonderful meal & fellowship. Community Meals have been prepared since 2008 and are getting bigger & better every month. Please join us on the last Friday of the month for a Community Meal.

We sincerely thank our volunteers. It takes many hands and hearts to put this meal together and we thank you!

Remember ... there is no charge for Community Meals at Trinity.

Put on a big smile and please join us.

Next Community Meal - March 27 & April 24

A thought for Lent ...

Lent is a time of truth, a time to strip away that which weighs us down and is heavy in our soul. Lent is the beginning of a wonderful journey to the core of who we are and how we express it. It is a journey that has all the possibilities of drawing us closer to God.

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